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Applicant: **Alphonsus J. VAN TOL**Case: **PTT-98 (402627US)**Serial No.: **09/600,982**Filed: **July 25, 2000**Group Art Unit: **2743**

Examiner:

Title: **SYSTEM FOR COUPLING THE PUBLIC TELEPHONE NETWORK TO  
THE INTERNET**

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Disclosure Statement

The applicant respectfully requests that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. If any of these references were uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the applicant, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

**United States Patent**

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
AA. 5,537,464	Lewis et al	379/114	Jul. 16, 1996

**Dutch Published Patent Application**

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AB. 9201010	09 June 1992

**Published International Patent Application**

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AC. WO 97/29584	14 August 1997

**Publications**

- AD. PTT Telecom BV, "Informatie" TELEFOONGIDS, 1997,  
pages 1-2.
- AE. G. S. Hura, "The Internet: Global Information  
Superhighway for the Future" Computer Communications,  
Vol. 20, No. 16, January 1998, pages 1412-1430.

**REMARKS**

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), since above-cited references (References AA, AC, and AE) are in the English language, the applicant submits that no specific comments are necessary for any of these.

Dutch patent application 9201010 (Reference AB) discloses a telephone system for provided recorded and interactive services. The system is connected to the public telephone network via a regular telephone subscriber line of a telephone exchange. This system is an example of a prior art system which is shown in Figure 1 of the present application and described in pages 1-3 thereof. For the Examiner's convenience, an English-language abstract of this reference is also enclosed.

The PTT Telecom publication (Reference AD) provides a summary of various kinds of telephone numbers that give access to various types of services available via the public switched telephone network, to the Dutch public since January 1, 1997. One such telephone number which begins with an "06" prefix provides (a) toll-free calls, (b) purchase or tariff numbers, or (c) mobile telephone numbers, paging numbers and buzzing numbers. This summary is silent with respect to any specific kind of telephone numbers directed at service providing systems, such as Internet service providers (ISPs).

For the Examiner's convenience, the applicant has attached a completed modified PTO-1449 form hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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